



# ELKS TALE

**EXALTED RULER**  
Doug McLaughlin

**LEADING KNIGHT**  
Ben Stovall

**LOYAL KNIGHT**  
Teece Chambers

**LECTURING KNIGHT**  
Jeff Fuller

**SECRETARY**  
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**TREASURER**  
Ellen Heldt

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Monday-Thursday

## FROM THE EXALTED RULER

**Doug McLaughlin**



Diane and I would like to wish all of you the happiest New Year! Wishing you health, wealth, and blessings.

A new dawn, a new day, knowing that this year has so much in store for us.

We have worked hard in 2023 our goal for 2024 is to continue our success and to await a new year full of laughs and friendship. I'm beyond grateful for having the opportunity, this year, to be chosen to be your ER.

God bless you all.



The Tulsa Elks Lodge #946 had three schools: Allen Bowden School, Prettywater School, and St. Catherine's School participate in the Drug Awareness Poster and Essay contest.

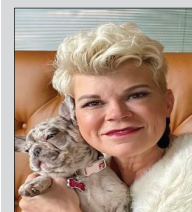
There were sixty-seven (67) students in grades 4th - 8th that submitted posters and essays. The posters and essays were judged by some of our members.

All students that participated received a certificate and the first place winners received a check for \$50. Second place winners received a check for \$40 and third place winners received a check for \$30.

Doug McLaughlin, Tulsa Elks Exalted Ruler and Penny Haynes presented the checks. Pictured are students from Allen Bowden and St. Catherine's. Their first place winners from our Lodge were sent to District.

## ELK OF THE MONTH JENNIFER FEATHER

January's Elk of the Month is a member who embodies all the outstanding qualities of an Elk, and she does so with a smile! Jennifer Feather's contributions to our Lodge are significant. A mainstay on our Veteran's Committee, Jennifer



houses the Veteran's Day Parades float, provides the trailer and driver (her fiancé, Gregg Carlson). Using her creativity and ingenuity, Jennifer works tirelessly in helping prep and design our floats. She even rallied up sponsors and players for the Golf Tournament. You've certainly seen her serving up meals she's helped skillfully prepare in the kitchen. And if you've admired Lodge decorations, especially those that hang from the ceiling or are up high, Jennifer was likely the one expertly wielding the ladder to get the job done!

A graduate of Sand Springs High, then La Salle University in Chicago, Jennifer is a forensic accountant and business owner. She loves to cook, sew, and read (Harry Potter is a favorite); she is a self-described "total nerd." She also enjoys traveling, 80s hair bands, Broadway musicals and most importantly, spending quality time with her two great kids, Marisa and Gabe. Fun fact: Jennifer has been to Walt Disney World 34 times!

### LOVE SPENDING TIME IN THE KITCHEN?

Our newly formed Kitchen Committee is up and running! We could use your help preparing and serving meals!

**Contact Diane McLaughlin:  
918-409-8221**



## LODGE OFFICERS 2023 - 2024

EXALTED RULER	DOUG McLAUGHLIN	918 629-4064
LEADING KNIGHT	BEN STOVALL	901 240-0268
LOYAL KNIGHT	TEECE CHAMBERS	918 520-0906
LECTURING KNIGHT	JEFF FULLER	918 688-5388
SECRETARY	SHERRY STALLINGS	918 698-9290
TREASURER	ELLEN HELDT	901 494-3663

### APPOINTED

TILER	BRUCE FOSTER	918 576-4027
ESQUIRE	JUDY WARLICK	918 446-5083
CHAPLAIN	COLEMAN WHITE	918 760-1317
INNER GUARD	TONY HEINEMAN	918 271-8880
PRESIDING JUSTICE	RON MAIN	918 494-8088

### TRUSTEES

ONE-YEAR	JIM TAYLOR	620 515-5151
TWO-YEAR	RICHARD TERRAL	918 527-1230
THREE-YEAR	SHELLY QUATTROCCHI	918 230-5300
FOUR-YEAR	DON GRISSOM	918 269-3416
FIVE-YEAR	DAVID WOOD	918 863-6259

### COMMITTEES

<b>ACTIVITY CMT CHAIR</b>	<b>NORA KEES</b>	918 497-0108
ENTERTAINMENT	JANIE TINSLEY	918 557-1699
FACILITY COORDINATOR	TRUDIE STOVALL	432 816-7867
YOUTH ACTIVITIES	BEN STOVALL	901 240-0268
ENF & MAJOR PROJECTS	DAVID WOOD	918 863-6259
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DRUG AWARENESS	DOUG McLAUGHLIN	918 629-4064
ACCIDENT PREVENTION	JIM TAYLOR	620 515-5151
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MEMBERSHIP/RETENTION	SHELLY QUATTROCCHI	918 230-5300
ORIENTATION/INVESTIGATION	BEN STOVALL	901 240-0268
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<b>ACCOUNTING CHAIR</b>	TOM SHOTWELL	918 355-0742
	JUDY WARLICK	918 446-5083

### LODGE ASSIGNMENTS

LOUNGE MANAGER	RICHARD TERRAL	918 527-1230
KITCHEN MANAGER	OPEN	
POOL MANAGER	TEECE CHAMBERS	918 520-0906
INTERIOR BLD MAINTENANCE	DAVID WOOD	918 527-1230
EXTERIOR BLD MAINTENANCE	JIM TAYLOR	620 515-5151
LIGHTING/SOUND EQUIPMENT	BRUCE FOSTER	918 576-4027
GRANT COORDINATOR	YVONNE WOODFIN	918 720-4225
LODGE SECURITY	JEFF FULLER	918 688-5388
PER PRESIDENT	PENNY HAYNES	918 481-0918
PARLIAMENTARIAN	BEN STOVALL	901 240-0268

Tulsa Elks Lodge

# Valentine's Day DINNER & DANCE

**Saturday, February 3rd**

**Dinner 6:30 | Dance 7:45  
with Sweney/Campbell**

**\$30 each: Dinner & Dance**

**\$12: Dance (Members)  
\$15: Dance (Guests)**

**QUESTIONS?  
JANIE.TINSLEY@GMAIL.COM**

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**MENU**

Filet Mignon  
Caesar Salad  
Baked Potato  
Broccoli Cheese Casserole  
Hot Rolls & Butter  
Dessert

Steaks cooked  
Medium  
unless specified

## Membership Candidates

Kenneth Aston  
Leighton Boyd  
Bruce Burton  
Susan Clifford  
Jeffery Drew  
Lance Fleischer  
Jamie Glen  
Nancy Horton  
Cory Marlow  
Edward Moore  
Sam Wagt  
Gary Jobe, Transfer from Wagoner Lodge

To be voted on at next Lodge meeting

## Monthly Membership Report

April 1, 2023 506

January 1, 2024 494

Initiated	43	Deaths	6
Reinstated	10	Dropped	61
Affiliated	2	Transfer	0
Added this year	55	Removed this year	67

**Net gain -12**

Applications on Hand 38



## LODGE ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON

January 7, 14, 21, 28

Salsa Dance Lesson with Ben Stovall 4pm \$5

### MONDAY NIGHT

January 8, 15, 22, 29

Sherry Williams Line Dance Lesson 4pm \$3

Bill Ridout Line & Social Dance Lesson 7pm \$3

January 15 Veterans Committee Meeting 6pm

January 22 - PER Meeting 6:30pm

### TUESDAY NIGHT

January 2

Entertainment Cmt. Meeting 6:30pm

Lodge Meeting 7pm

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Ballroom Dance Lesson, K. Pappalardo 4pm \$10

Burger Night 6pm

Cornhole Tournament 7pm

January 24 New Member Orientation 7pm

### THURSDAY NIGHT

January 4 & 18 - Trivia 7pm

West Coast Dance Lesson, Bob & Sharon \$6

January 28 - BOD Meeting 7pm

### FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

January 5, 12, 19, 26

Karaoke at 7:30pm

January 19 & 26 Friday Night Dinner 6:30pm

January 26 Member Initiation 7:pm

### SATURDAY ENTERTAINMENT

January 13 Ballroom Dancers of Tulsa 7pm

January 20 Sweney & Campbell Dance 7:30pm

January 27 Wayne Strader Band 7:30pm

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Teri Kennedy	18 Debra Knight
1 Joe Loar	20 Michael Fenimore
1 Catherine VanDerlinden	21 Diana Naifeh-Lakey
2 Kayla Kirkland	22 Elisha Adams
2 Jacqueline Wilson	22 Jesse Fletcher
3 Jesus Lopez	23 Stan Green
3 David Wittman	23 Michael Redemann
6 Sherry Williams	23 Gae Widdows
7 Becky Carter	24 Dennis Dorigan
8 Sally Carter	24 Steven Massay
8 Richard Meyers	25 Beverly Capps
9 Philip Nelson	25 Sharon Konemann
9 Trisha White	26 Diane Cox
10 Carl DePaula	26 James Farish
10 Stephen Kern	26 Wanda Williams
10 Ken Privett	27 Jeffrey Fuller
11 Janie Tinsley	27 Patricia Kelly
12 David Dinelli	28 Sandra Simpson
13 Thomas Butler	30 Dennis Dodd
14 Jerald Rider	31 Carolyn Dewberry
15 Kenneth Hietbrink	31 Betty Fugate
15 La Chelle Toschik	31 Patrick Kantz
18 Rosalie Adams	31 Charlotte McNutt



Ben Stovall & Ellen Heldt

What a wonderful night! We had a record number of celebratory Elks, ringing in the New Year at the Lodge.

TULSA ELKS LODGE

Excitement fills the air as we unveil our 2024 dance classes schedule

## DANCE CLASSES

MONDAYS 4-6PM	MONDAYS 7-9PM	WEDNESDAYS 4-5PM	THURSDAYS 7-9PM	SUNDAYS 4PM
Line Dance Sherry Williams	Line & Social Dances Bill Ridout	Ballroom Dance Kathy Pappalardo	West Coast Swing Bob Yelle & Sharon Valant	Dance Classes: Salsa Series Ben Stovall
\$3 MEMBERS \$6 NON-MEMBERS	\$3 MEMBERS \$6 NON-MEMBERS	\$10 MEMBERS \$10 NON-MEMBERS	\$3 MEMBERS \$6 NON-MEMBERS	\$5 MEMBERS \$10 NON-MEMBERS

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# JANUARY 2024

Tulsa Elks Lodge No. 946

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Lodge Meeting 7pm	Ballroom Dance Lesson 4pm	Trivia Night 7pm  West Coast Dance Lesson 7pm	Karaoke 7:30pm	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Dance Lesson with Ben Stovall 4pm	Line Dance Lesson 4pm Dance Lesson 7-9pm		Burger Night 6pm Cornhole 7pm  Ballroom Dance Lesson 4pm	West Coast Dance Lesson 7pm	Karaoke 7:30pm	Ballroom Dancers
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Dance Lesson with Ben Stovall 4pm	Veterans Cmt. Meeting 6pm  Line Dance Lesson 4pm Dance Lessons 7-9pm		Burger Night 6pm Cornhole 7pm  Ballroom Dance Lesson 4pm	Trivia Night 7pm  West Coast Dance Lesson 7pm	Dinner 6:30pm  Karaoke 7:30pm	Sweney & Campbell Dance 7:30pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Dance Lesson with Ben Stovall 4pm	PER Meeting 6:30pm  Line Dance Lesson 4pm Dance Lessons 7-9pm		Ballroom Dance Lesson 4pm Burger Night 6pm Cornhole 7pm Orientation 7pm	BOD Meeting 7pm  West Coast Dance Lesson 7pm	Dinner 6:30pm Initiation 7pm Karaoke 7:30pm	Wayne Strader Band Dance 7:30pm
28	29	30	31			February 3
Dance Lesson with Ben Stovall 4pm	Line Dance Lesson 4pm Dance Lessons 7-9pm		Burger Night 6pm Cornhole 7pm  Ballroom Dance Lesson 4pm			Valentine Dinner & Dance 6:30pm 
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Wear Red on Fridays To Remember Everyone Deployed

Lodge Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 10:00 to 2:00 pm 918 742-2401

## Veterans Report

It has been another momentous year for our Veterans! The Veterans Committee continued supporting our Lodge Veterans and outreach within the community. The golf tournament and Calcutta were a success! We raised over \$8,000 at the Calcutta and Golf Tournament.

Thanks to Jerry Tinsley, Pete Smith, and Coleman White for their continuous monthly outreach! Jerry and Pete go to Muskogee Veterans Hospital and deliver snacks to the Oncology unit! Coleman White initiated outreach to Nursing Homes, focusing on the needs of Veterans at the Arbor Village in Sapulpa. Our outreach has continued with the VASH (Veterans Administration Supportive Housing). I have the pleasure of working with the Case Managers to provide needed items for the homeless Veterans transitioning to their home.

We are so proud of our veterans who attended the parades, school assemblies, and Veterans Dinners/programs and dance. The pinning ceremony for the Vietnam Veterans on March 31, 2023, was one of the most heartwarming ceremonies during our Veteran's Day program on November 10, 2023. Hank Prideaux, Air Force; Ed Knighten, Army; David Wood, Marines; and Roger Anderson, Navy, shared their experiences during enlistment.

Everyone on the Veterans Committee assisted with these events! However, thanks to Tom Shotwell, Natalie Hynes, Diane Hynes, Jennifer Feather, and Judy Warlick for all their work behind the scenes! Also, we are grateful for our Lodge members and friends who volunteer!

The committee donated \$300 to Wreaths Across America, Skiatook VFW Honor Guard, and Frank Gladd #20 Fort Gibson American Legion Post Honor Guard! Total donations: \$900.

Yvonne Woodfin, Veterans Chair

## Grant Updates

Tulsa Elks Lodge was awarded the Beacon/Spotlight and the Gratitude Grant, submitted by Yvonne Woodfin, project manager.

The \$6000 Beacon/Spotlight Grant was awarded to the Tulsa Day Center. The grant helped 60 individuals experiencing homelessness. The dollars spent on Oklahoma ID cards, bus passes, and case manager services are working towards transitioning to housing. The Lodge participated in a clothing drive and prepared and served a dinner for 85 overnight residents at the Tulsa Day Center. Grand Lodge approved the final report.

Aline Wisher and the project manager who submitted the Gratitude Grant was Ben Stovall. The grant provided \$750 for 4 ROTC programs. An additional \$1000 was donated by the JEORC Funds. Therefore, each school was awarded \$1000. The following schools received this award:

Edison High School-Eagle Battalion Boosters,  
Hale High School  
East Central High School JROTC  
Will Rogers JROTC

These funds were presented as part of the closing ceremonies during the Tulsa Oklahoma Elks Lodge Elktoberfest 2023 and the state youth cook-off.

Project manager Ben Stovall provided the final report. The Grant Coordinator has submitted it and is awaiting approval.

Yvonne Woodfin  
Grant Coordinator

DEAR TULSA, OKLAHOMA ELKS LODGE NO.946 AND TULSA ELKS YOUTH COMMITTEE,

I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT OUT OF THE BUSY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE TO EXTEND MY APPRECIATION FOR INVITING MY WIFE AND ME TO YOUR ANNUAL KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY. IT WAS SUCH A SPECIAL EXPERIENCE FOR US TO SEE THE NEARLY 130 CHILDREN-AND-FAMILY FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITY MAKING CRAFTS AND COOKIES TOGETHER WHILE DRINKING HOT CHOCOLATE FROM YOUR AMAZING HOT-COCO BAR AND WATCHING SOME OF OUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MOVIES. THE HOT DOGS WERE QUITE FULFILLING, AND I HAD SUCH A HARD TIME DECIDING ON WHAT SNACKS I WANTED TO GO ALONG WITH MINE.

WHEN I ARRIVED THAT MORNING, I WAS RATHER GOB SMACKED WITH WATCHING YOUR VOLUNTEERS TOILING AWAY WITH A TRENCANT ZEAL THAT WAS REMINISCENT OF THE ELVES IN THE NORTH POLE WORKSHOP. IT WAS AN IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY OF GRAND SUPPORT, AND YOU ARE SO VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH A TALENTED PHOTOG TO CAPTURE EACH MOMENT WITH HER BEAUTIFUL PICTURES.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, IT IS ALWAYS SUCH AN INSPIRATION TO THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS TO SEE THE CHILDREN'S EYES LIGHT UP WITH THEIR SMILES, GIGGLES, AND SQUEALS AS EACH HUG WARMED MY HEART.

AS A MAN THAT IS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS "FATHER CHRISTMAS" MY FAVORITE LINE FROM YOUR ELKS CREED STATES "PROTECT CHILDHOOD WITH TENDERNESS." THE FESTIVITIES ON SATURDAY WERE SUCH A SHINING REPRESENTATION OF THIS STATEMENT AND IT WAS SUCH A CHERISHED EXPERIENCE FOR JESSICA AND ME TO GET TO BE A PART OF IT. MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN NEXT YEAR! (AS LONG AS YOU STAY OFF THE NAUGHTY LIST)

*Yours Truly, Santa*







# TULSA ELKS SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE

In tandem with National Elks Most Valuable Student (MVS) Essay

Our Scholarship Committee will be awarding at least two scholarships of \$1,000 or \$1,500 each. Local applicants may win a Tulsa Elks Scholarship of \$1,000 or more, along with a National MVS award of \$4,000 to \$30,000 or an Oklahoma Elk award of \$800 to \$1,000.

After applications close in November, we assign Committee Members to complete the lodge-level scoring. Top-rated applicants at each level advance from one level to the next for district, state, and national competition.

Every dollar donated goes directly toward Tulsa Elks Scholarships, which are fully funded by our Lodge. Contributors are invited to the Honors & Awards Ceremony and Reception in April, and we will highlight their support in the printed program (anonymity requests honored) for the event.

## Donor Levels

Contributor: \$25-\$99

Patron: \$100-\$499

Regent: \$500-\$1,000+

Donations  
Due by 2/29



Cathy Newsome  
Scholarship Chair  
918-747-3120



**QUALIFIED APPLICANTS  
FROM THE TULSA AREA  
ARE SCORED ON:**

Academics ☒

Leadership ☒

Financial Need ☒

Service ☒

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